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Applicants: Toshio Kazama

Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2009, Applicants request reconsideration of the Application in view of the following remarks.